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1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

2-7

No: Claims

1,8-16

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

No: Claims

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Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims

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No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

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